

think it a pleasant task to say a few words of the first and only Brethren congregation in Pittsburg. Dr. Duncan MacGregor came among us September, second Lord's day. The Brethren gave him a call in January which was accepted March 7. Since the Dr.'s advent among us the Lord has abundantly blessed his work in the ingathering of many. The number of immersions has been 14 and three by letter. Among the number taken in there are 10 heads of families. Of those who have united with the congregation there have been Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists, etc., and a number who had never made a profession. The Dr. would not wish me to, neither have I any desire to leave the impression that all the seed of so rich a harvest has been sown since he came among us. See John 4: 36-38. True it is however, that much seed has been sown since Brother MacGregor has been going in and out among us, the fruits of which we are glad, and other, no doubt, has fallen in good ground and will bring forth an abundant harvest to the glory of God and to the building up of the kingdom of Heaven, but the Dr. would have it made plain that he has had a stronger arm than an Aaron and Hur. He has had a Daniel, who, ever vigilant and trusting since the organization of the congregation has prayed and willing to wait, believing his prayers would be answered, has willingly entered the lion's den, causing him many times personal sacrifices few would have been willing to make. With Dr. MacGregor as pastor, Rev. Daniel Bole as colaborer, brother David Bole our Bible school superintendent, and a band of near one hundred willing men and women who are standing between the yoke and the altar ready for labor or sacrifice, may we not predict that the first Brethren congregation of Pittsburg will be a power in planting the truth in many hearts.

The Dr. in addition to his pastoral labors has organized the "Lucerne Conservatory of Elocution," numbering between 30 or 40 pupils, and he offers them, perhaps as good instruction as can be had in this country. The women of the W. C. T. Union have organized a branch in the church and christened the child the "MacGregor Union." The meeting house has been enlarged by the addition of one room and yet more room is needed to accommodate the congregation and Bible school, so you see we are not only needing, but we are hoping and praying for a larger house of worship, and we believe the Scriptures, that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, yet we would desire very much to have a few rich men allow the Master to unload them

in order that they may pass through the needle's eye.

J. C. KENNEDY, M. D.

#### TEAGARDEN, IND.

About the 5th of February Brother Stoneburner and Brother Stuckman began a series of meetings at Teagarden. This was spoken of by some one as a God-forsaken place, but after battling with Satan about four weeks twenty-one were added to the church. The first five sermons were doctrinal sermons. The brethren preached love during the entire meeting, and I think if more ministers would preach more love there, would be more good done. The brethren went from house to house talking and converting the people. The weather was badly against us but the Lord was for us, and if the Lord is for us who can be against us?

We expect to organize a class in the near future. We have some good workers and Brother Stoneburner is very highly respected here for his kindness and his sociability with sinners as well as Christians.

The Brethren church has a firm foundation here. Many lean toward the Brethren, and we hope to pull them over and the only way we can get them in is to love them in. There are many evil spirits gone out into the world and if men will obey them they will be led astray. They are calling after men and are leading them down to destruction. Some of these are infidels, and others, but there is also a good Spirit gone out that is leading men from degradation to a higher and nobler life. Its weapon is the unfeigned love, Jesus Christ. As you go to God in prayer remember us at this place. We need the prayers of God's people.

CHAS. STEELE.

#### GRETNNA, OHIO.

It has been some time since we have heard from our church at Gretna, but we are neither dead nor sleeping. Our revival services closed on Monday evening, March 8, during which time nine precious souls were touched by the power of God and accepted Christ, while many more are near the kingdom. Although the roads were very bad the greater part of the time a very good interest was manifested. At the close of the meeting on Monday night Brother White was invited to the home of Sister Carroll to meet with the C. E. Society. He was much surprised to learn that the purpose of the meeting was to present him with a donation of the necessities of life. He responded with a few appropriate remarks, but was almost to full for utterance. Brother White has many friends here and is doing much good

for the church and community. Pray for us.

MRS. MATTIE MILLER, Cor. Sec.

#### HARRISONBURG, VA.

As we have been silent for some time we again come to you for a little space. The work here under the pastorate of Elder G. A. Copp, is progressing nicely. Brother Copp is a practical and logical speaker. He has charge of this work for the ensuing year. Last Sunday the Sunday-school was re organized with bright prospects for the future as this band of workers here never tire working for the Master. Brother Lichty was chosen as superintendent and Brother Bolton Assistant. We feel sure of the success of the work. As we do not hear much of the Sisters' societies in the EVANGELIST we wish to say that the society here is on a better footing now than it has ever been. Last Sunday evening at the regular monthly meeting, officers were elected for another year.

Sister Jennie Hall, Pres.

" Rosa Logan, V. Pres.

" Mamie Koontz, Sec.

" E. Francis Hall, Treas.

Also there were a number of committees appointed to look after the various workings of the society. This society is surely a happy band of workers. At the close of the meeting there was a rising vote of appreciation given to the officers of the society for the last year. To-day the society meets to deliberate on plans and methods of work for the coming year. The church here is sure to succeed as energy and a constant holding up of the Gospel-alone doctrine will bring success. I have engaged for a year from April 1 as pastor of the church at Vinco, Pa. After April 1, write and send all mail for me to Vinco, Pa. We feel sad to leave here but hope to be able to do much for the cause there. We are glad to hear of the success of the different churches. May God's blessings rest on all. Hoping I have not grown tedious to you and that these notes may not find the waste basket.

Yours for the Gospel,

JOS. I. HALL.

#### COMMUNION NOTICE.

The members of the First Brethren church of Johnstown expect to hold a love feast and communion Sunday evening April 18, or rather on Easter evening. All of kindred faith are hereby made welcome and invited to come.

By order of the church,

E. E. HASKINS, pastor.

A discontented spirit makes the way of life seem hard and long.